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10/3/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Palin and Joe Biden debate in St. Louis for the VP spot • Ted Stevens trial in Washington boils over and then temporarily halts • "Troopergate" continues with Alaskan judge ruling in favor of the legislature's investigation • Legislative races in Fairbanks • A large, yet unmeasurable, rural-to-urban influx is showing up in Anchorage schools
10/10/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of the Troopergate "abuse of power" report on Sarah Palin's termination of Paul Monegan are due today (but came out after this program was recorded) • Todd Palin releases his statement on Troopergate • The Alaska Legislature wins its battle to retain subpoena power, especially in matters of investigating other branches of government • The Ted Stevens defense team is working the "good guy" angle, even bringing in high-ranking and celebrity character witnesses, like Colin Powell • The Wall Street collapse -- how does it impact Alaska, and specifically the Permanent Fund? • Oil prices are dropping -- how does this impact Alaska in the midst of everything else? • Sarah Palin's winning over the fervent Republican base in the election with her Obama attacks, but what about the rest of the voters? Or, alternately, where would McCain be without her?

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10/17/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Stevens takes the stand in his own defense this week as the trial appears to be winding down • Catherine Stevens testifies in the trial as well, professing ignorance of how several home renovations happened at their home in Girdwood • Will the Stevens trial impact the Stevens campaign for re-election to the U.S. Senate? • The Mark Begich campaign is doing fairly well, but is it doing well enough to beat Stevens after 40 years in DC? • Election ads are up and running -- but not so much from the Stevens camp • What ever happened to Vic Vickers, former U.S. Senate candidate on the Republican ticket? • "Joe the Plumber" in Ohio was actually a Wasilla, Alaska resident in the past -- how much more convoluted can the campaign get? • McCain will take Alaska's 3 Electoral votes handily in the Presidential campaign... right? • Palin's criticism of Obama has been strident -- will it harm an Obama presidency? • What is the source of Palin's popularity on the national stage? • State-level legislative candidates are suffocating for campaign cash as the national and statewide races are sucking up all the money and attention • Undecided voters... So what's so hard for them to figure out? • Oil prices continue to sag -- what are the implications for Alaska's state budget? • Will the issue of the Constitutional Budget Reserve pop back up this year? • Will depressed oil prices threaten a natural gas pipeline project? • Will Sarah Palin boost Alaska tourism? Do VP candidates drive visitor numbers? • Sarah Palin will be on Saturday Night Live this weekend
10/20/2008	180	RUNNING	Local election candidates' debate	Southcentral Alaska candidates debate program with incumbents and challengers from Alaska State House Districts 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 plus State Senate Seats G, I, and K.
10/21/2008	180	RUNNING	Local election candidates' debate	Southcentral Alaska candidates debate program with incumbents and challengers from Alaska State House Districts 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 plus State Senate Seats M, O, and Q.
10/22/2008	120	RUNNING	Statewide election candidates' interview	1. Candidate interviews with the two major U.S. House of Representatives candidates. 2. Candidate interviews with the major U.S. Senate candidates. All interviews are presented below. Incumbent Senator Ted Stevens was unable to appear for one of our candidate interviews.

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10/24/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Stevens corruption trial takes several strange turns -- the jury seems to be losing its mind as deliberations start, stop and are now delayed through the weekend, maybe longer • The Ted Stevens trial and election for the U.S. Senate are up for bets on a market in Ireland -- and the odds suggest Begich will take the Senate seat from Stevens, 70 to 30 • Debates here in Alaska (Channel 2 this weekend, Channel 7 next Thursday) are struggling to figure out what to do since Ted Stevens may not be able to appear for the U.S. Senate debate • Juneau's reaction to the Stevens trial, to Begich and Berkowitz as a challenger candidates • What happens if there's a hung jury in the Stevens trial? • How has Palin been performing on the campaign trail? • Is the \$150,000 Palin family makeover an issue or a non-issue in the campaign? • Polls appear to be trending toward Obama in the presidential race • Legislature holds hearing to talk about high price of gas in Alaska and says their appalled... and don't know what to do about it • Palin ran on transparency and openness, but responses to open records requests are slow.. if they're responded to at all. Is the Palin administration actually the most secretive in Alaska history?
10/30/2008	120	Debate for the State	Statewide election candidates' debate	<p>1. Debate between the leading (polling more than 5%) candidates for Alaska's U.S. House seat: incumbent Republican Don Young, challenger Democrat Ethan Berkowitz. 2. Debate between the leading (polling more than 5%) candidates for Alaska's U.S. Senate seat: incumbent Republican Ted Stevens, challenger Democrat Mark Begich.</p>

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10/31/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Stevens: Guilty • Sarah Palin and John McCain call for Ted Stevens to resign in the wake of the conviction (among other national Republicans) • Stevens is appealing to voters, asking for their vote on Tuesday, saying he can be effective in the Senate -- but will his message turn into voter action, and can he really be effective in the Senate while under such a substantial legal cloud? • How will bush Alaska vote, with respect to Stevens? • Stevens returns to Alaska to a throng of supporters at his eponymous airport • Stevens was surprised that Bill Allen was dishonest? • Debate for the State: How did Ted Stevens do? • Debate for the State: How did Don Young and Ethan Berkowitz do? • Don Young is being nice, and isn't being overconfident in this campaign • How has Mark Begich handled the Ted Stevens trial and conviction? • What is Begich's plan for the remainder of his campaign? • For Senator Stevens, what is his potential "road to victory?" • With so much early and absentee voting combined with normal voting, how can we figure out the results? • The national presidential race will likely be decided early toward the east coast -- will that depress west coast voting?
11/4/2008	180	NewsHour: Live Election Coverage	National election coverage	Live national election coverage provided by "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" team via PBS

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11/7/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obama elected president, though not in the Alaskan vote; what impact did Palin have on McCain's collection of votes in the state? • Why were voter numbers apparently depressed in Alaska this election? Was it the lack of ballot initiatives? Was it post-corruption disaffection? Was the election decided before Alaskans had a chance to vote? • North Pole numbers -- McCain beat Obama 4-to-1; but a sizable number of these conservatives broke for Begich and Bird over Stevens • How did Palin perform as a VP candidate on the national stage? • What awaits Palin as Governor? • Is there a future for Palin on the national stage? What does she have to do to be taken seriously on the national stage, going forward? • Stevens / Begich still undecided in a close race to be finalized by some 74,000 ballots yet to be counted • Will the Senate move to expel Stevens before the end of the year? • State politicians that ethically falter are savaged, but Stevens looks to be reelected despite conviction • Do Alaskans care about political corruption? • Don Young has apparently been reelected; more votes to be counted, but it looks grim for Berkowitz • How or why was the polling in Alaska so far off on key statewide races? • Alaska legislative races roundup; House will be strongly Republican; Senate looks to be split pretty evenly between the parties; some races still undecided • How is Alaska the same as or different from the rest of the country?

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11/14/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Begich rallying a come-from-behind vote counting drama for the U.S. Senate seat. (Begich ahead by 814 at taping, 1,061 at posting, latest results here); voting continues into next week • Recount process getting scrutiny in the press, seems to be going to plan • Some close legislative races still in play in Anchorage and Fairbanks. • Looks like the legislature will lead from an informal coalition due to shifting party power math. • Bill Weimer -- former leader of the private prison movement in Alaska -- had his trial come to an end this week with a conviction on corruption charges. Panelists remember the arc of Weimer's activities in Alaska. • Price of oil continues to head down; how long before the Alaska budget craters? • American economy is slowing down in a big way. What happens in Alaska? Will major construction projects be stalled or canceled? • Sarah Palin remains in the national spotlight, appearing on TV and at the Republic Governor's meeting in Miami. Is she running for President? Senate? • Will Palin have to "stir the pot" in 2009 to keep the gas line project moving? • Palin, as Governor, not candidate, will have to focus on governing, with a budget in peril and a stated desire to deal with some healthcare issues.
11/21/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Stevens defeated by Mark Begich for U.S. Senate seat; offers departing remarks on the floor of the U.S. Senate -- on his 85th birthday • What kinds of help will Mark Begich need as part of the transition from Stevens to Begich in the Senate? • Anchorage mayor's office will soon be open (aside from the acting mayor: the chair of the Assembly); election for mayor will come up in April • What were your favorite Ted Stevens earmarks over the years? • What happens next to Alaska with the loss of Stevens and falling oil prices? • Alaska's budget depends upon \$85 oil. Will Palin wield a big cost-cutting axe this coming year? • Who will be the key players in the State Senate, in terms of dealing with the budget? • We have a new President coming into office soon; how will he treat Alaska and Governor Palin? • Tony Knowles' name has been batted around as a possible Obama administration appointment, possibly for the Department of the Interior • If Knowles goes to the Interior, how would it affect tribal entities and corporations in Alaska?

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12/5/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchorage Assembly and (outgoing) Begich administration are dealing with union contracts • Will the campaign for the Mayor's seat begin right after the new year? And whol will run? • Mark Begich is headed to the U.S. Senate, unseating Ted Stevens. What happens to federal appropriations for Alaska going forward? • Can Senator Murkowski and Representative Young do more to bring in more money for Alaska? • Will Begich have access to some Alaska funds from other Democrats because they want to protect a seat that hasn't been in Democratic hands for decades? • Governor Palin has been criticized for not sticking around Alaska much lately. Fair criticism? Unfair? • Who do you talk to when you want something done in Alaska government, when Palin is out of the state? • Palin introduces a boost in state healthcare funding this week. • National attention for Palin remains largely unabated; is returning to Alaska a let-down? • Price of oil may be headed down to \$30 • How will the Legislature behave when faced with a huge budget shortfall? • Will there be job losses in Alaska's oil sector? • What happens next to the PFD?
12/12/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Young loses his senior Republican ranking on the House Natural Resources Committee • Ted Stevens has requested a new trial; are Alaskan's sympathetic? • What's the future for Ted Stevens? • Obama's energy team is gathering; Energy Secretary nominee -- Steven Chu -- is a Nobel prize winner, a supporter on alternative energy sources and a critic of coal • Will the Obama administration support the natural gas pipeline, perhaps as part of public works funding? • Flint Hills refinery in North Pole is in trouble, which may put the Alaska Railroad in trouble (which pulls nearly half its revenue from transporting jet fuel from North Pole to the Anchorage airport); State is considering some kind of bailout • Price of gas is lowest in 5 years, but highest prices nationally are in Alaska -- even in populated areas; will the Legislature "get to the bottom of this?" • Oil prices and the Alaska State budget -- now what? • Remembering an Alaskan character -- police officer, entrepreneur, lobbyist -- Ed Dankworth

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12/19/2008	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich's work comes to an end as he heads to the U.S. Senate; we look back at his time in the Mayor's office • Anchorage signs 5-year union contracts with firefighters, police and others -- increasing city costs considerably • Former Alaska Senator John Cowdery pleads guilty to conspiracy charges in the ongoing Alaska Legislature / VECO corruption cases • U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (D-Colorado) is the appointed Secretary of the Interior for the Obama administration; what does this mean to Alaska? • Commission promotes significant raises for top state employees, including Governor Palin; public barely responds • One recent study suggests the migration from village Alaska to urban Alaska isn't nearly as big a deal as everyone thought • Joshua Wade murder trial continues in federal court, focusing on what kinds of evidence can be considered • Republican House majority in Alaska picked up three rural Democrats as part of the team, building a 26-14 voting majority